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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the deadline for filing the Response to the outstanding Office Action dated January 31, 2003 be extended for a period of Three (3) months from April 30, 2003 to and including July 31, 2003.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$465.00. Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150 (order no. 9142-006-999). A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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